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TO THE PRESS AND RADIO:

This booklet is prepared in the hopes that it might make your task in covering the Pittsburgh Steelers as easy as possible.

We wish to state here that we are only too happy to co-operate with you in any way possible. We realize that only by maintaining good will between you and the Steelers will we be able to efficiently handle the task before us.

If there is anything you might want or need during the course of the season, kindly drop a line to us here in Pittsburgh. Mats, cuts, pictures and press box facilities will be available upon request.

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1945 STEELERS RESULTS

Pittsburgh	7;	Boston	28
Pittsburgh	6;	New York	34
Pittsburgh	0;	Washington	14
Pittsburgh	21;	New York	7
Pittsburgh	6;	Boston	10
Pittsburgh	3;	Philadelphia	45
Pittsburgh	23;	Chicago Cards	0
Pittsburgh	6;	Philadelphia	30
Pittsburgh	7;	Chicago Bears	28
Pittsburgh	0;	Washington	24
	79		220

1946 STEELERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 20	Chicago Cardinals at Forbes Field *
Sept. 29	Washington Redskins at Washington
Oct. 6	New York Giants at Forbes Field
Oct. 13	Boston Yankees at Boston
Oct. 20	Green Bay at Green Bay
Oct. 27	Boston Yankees at Forbes Field
Nov. 3	Washington Redskins at Forbes Field
Nov. 10	Detroit Lions at Detroit
Nov. 17	Philadelphia Eagles at Pittsburgh
Nov. 24	New York at New York
Dec. 1	Philadelphia at Philadelphia

* Night Game

Coaching Staff

DR. JOHN BAIN (JOCK) SUTHERLAND

Head Coach

John Bain Sutherland came to the United States from Coupar Angus, Scotland, while still in his teens. He went to Oberlin Academy, leaving there in 1913 to enroll at the University of Pittsburgh Dental School. A rabid athlete in those days, the Scotsman was out for the football team before he knew the difference between an American football and a soccer football, but like in all his undertakings his unfamiliarity with the pigskin in no way retarded his progress. He learned to run, block, tackle and diagnose enemy plays so well so quickly that he played in the first football game he ever saw, and coach Joe Duff had him starting the third game of the season. He was never dislodged as the starting guard in the remainder of his years at Pitt.

For the next four years the Dental Student went about carving for himself the first feeble notches of what was later to become the most impressive niche in the history of Pitt's football development. He became the greatest guard in the long and glamorous history of Pittsburgh's football. He took to field events on the track and field team and ended by setting discus and hammer throw records in the Penn Relays, and, in the same year, won the IC4A shot put title.

Graduating from Pitt in 1917, he entered the U. S. Army Dental Corps and was immediately diverted from his profession to coach, manage and play for the Camp Greenleaf football team. Greenleaf defeated Fort Dix, 34-0, for the cantonment championship and young Sutherland had hung up a 9-0-0 record in his first season as a coach.

Someone, meanwhile, noted that the football coaching dentist possessed a keen mind, was extremely sharp in diagnosing football tactics and had a way of handling men that portended great success on the gridiron. He was signed to coach at little Lafayette college, starting him on a career that was to become the envy of every coach in the land.

It was while at Lafayette that Sutherland first attracted national attention. Playing against such teams as Pitt, Penn, Princeton, Fordham, Boston College, the canny Scot led the Leopards to their first national championship in 1921 with a record of nine wins, no defeats, no ties. It was in this year that Dr. Sutherland introduced the B formation of the double wing back, which proved itself tremendously successful as Lafayette rolled up 274 points against 26.

With a five year record of 33 wins, 8 defeats and 2 ties, the Scotsman was the logical successor when Pop Warner left Pitt in 1923. The

following year saw the Doctor inaugurate a fifteen year reign of great football at his alma mater which was to include six Eastern or National championships, four treks to the Rose Bowl and the most powerful football the grid-crazy town of Pittsburgh ever witnessed. In 1927, 1929, 1932 and 1937 the Doctor emerged with undefeated teams; his record added up to 20 defeats in 143 football games.

Meanwhile, the Doctor was on the staff at the Dental School until 1934 when he became a full professor of physical education.

Resigning from Pitt in 1939, Dr. Sutherland remained out of football for one year and then startled the football world by his announcement that he had accepted a position with Dan Topping's Brooklyn Dodgers, marking the first of a series of name coaches who were to switch from the collegiate to the professional ranks. At Brooklyn the Dodgers had been the door-mats of the National Football League—only traditionally weak Pittsburgh and Philadelphia had finished in their class, and never had the Dodgers won more than five games in one season. In fact, only in one season did they win five games. In his first season, Dr. Sutherland moved the Dodgers into second place, one game behind the Washington Redskins, whom he had beaten in one of their two engagements. In 1941—his second season with the Topping eleven—he duplicated the feat, again losing out first place by one game, but he gained some consolation from the fact that he had defeated the championship Giants in both encounters that year. Ironically enough, it was Pittsburgh—who hadn't won a game all season—that inflicted a 14-7 defeat on the Dodgers to knock them out of the race.

Sutherland has been in the Navy since that season but he is determined to field a championship pro eleven. The pro league tiara is about the only honor the doctor hasn't won. He tried it on for size in 1940 and 1941 and it wore so well that he has his eye set for it. This may be the beginning of another Sutherland era in football.

JOHN P. MICHELOSEN

Assistant Coach

John P. Michelosen, Dr. Sutherland's first assistant, was born in Ambridge, Pa. He attended Ambridge High school where he excelled in football, basketball and baseball for four years—1930-1934. He entered Pittsburgh in the Fall of 1934 and was varsity quarterback in the following year.

After a brilliant career at the University where he captained the great 1937 Rose Bowl squad, Mike returned to his Alma Mater as assistant coach in 1938. When Dr. Sutherland resigned in the Spring of 1939, Michelosen resigned with him.

When Dr. Sutherland went to Brooklyn as head coach of the pro Dodgers, he took Michelosen along as his assistant and the pair made a

formidable combination as they remained there for two years. Mike entered the Navy in June, 1942, and served until 1946 when he was discharged as a Lieutenant.

Like Kuharich, Michelosen was also a Moon Mullins assistant, having worked with the former Notre Dame at Corpus Christi, Tex., while in the service. Their season record for 1945 was 8 wins against 1 defeat.

Johnny is married to the former Frances Sue Hulet of Ambridge and they have two children, Marty, age 3, and Suzanne, 11 months.

While still a player, John was co-captain of the 1938 All Star squad which lost to the New York Giants, 6-0, on two field goals by Ward Cuff. He also played in the East-West game that year.

The former Ambridge High School star is regarded as possessing one of the keenest young football minds in the country. He will probably serve as No. 1 scout for the Steelers this year in addition to his coaching duties.

JOSEPH L. KUHARICH

Line Coach

Joseph Lawrence Kuharich was born in South Bend, Indiana, on April 14, 1917. He attended James Whitcomb Riley high school there from 1930 to 1934. In 1933, he was captain of the high school team and enrolled at Notre Dame the following year as a 151-pound freshman.

In his first season of varsity competition—1935—Joe earned his letter and continued to earn one throughout his college career. After his graduation in 1938, he played in the Chicago Tribune All-Star game in which the Collegians defeated the Washington Redskins, 28-16.

In the Fall of 1938, Joe returned to his Alma Mater to coach the freshman and the following year saw him take over as head coach at the Vincentian Institute in Albany, New York, where he lost but two of the team's 10 games. He played pro ball with the Chicago Cardinals in 1940 and 1941 and was selected on the all league team in his second year.

Joe entered the Navy in January of 1942 as an enlisted man and worked his way to lieutenant (jg) before he was released to inactive duty in October of 1945. Returning to the Cardinals, he played 7 games with them last year.

In the spring of this year, Joe signed with Larry (Moon) Mullins as his assistant coach at Santa Clara, but was released from his contract when he received the opportunity to coach at Pittsburgh under Dr. John B. Sutherland. Kuharich is the first non-Pitt man to be signed by the Doctor.

Kuharich is married to Madeleine Imholz of Middletown, N. Y. and has one son, Larry, age 8 months.

MICHAEL NIXON

Backfield Coach

Michael Nixon, the Steelers' backfield coach, was born in Burgettstown, Pa., November 11, 1911. After a brilliant high school athletic career at his home town high school, Mike entered the University of Pittsburgh in 1931 and immediately became a member of the University's freshman squad.

In 1932, he earned his letter as the left halfback and continued to win one yearly until his graduation in 1934. He came back in 1935 as an assistant coach under Dr. Sutherland and remained at Pitt through the Sutherland regime which folded in early 1939. In that year, Mike was on the staff of Charlie Bowser but resigned in 1940 to go to West Virginia with Bill Kern. He remained at West Virginia with Kern throughout the 1941 season.

When Dr. Sutherland and Michelosen left Brooklyn in 1942, Nixon was named to the Dodger coaching staff serving under Mike Ghetto. He entered the Navy in early '43 and served as an armed guard officer on transports and as gunnery officer on APA's.

Mike was discharged from the Navy early this year and was signed as a part-time assistant shortly before the Steelers left for camp. A hard working, analytical minded football man, Nixon's influence can readily be seen in the manner in which the Steeler backs will move this year.

Mike is married and the father of one daughter.

FRANK SOUCHAK

End Coach

Coach Souchak was born in Berwick, Pennsylvania, and played his collegiate football at the University of Pittsburgh under Dr. John B. Sutherland. Named to several All-American teams, the Berwick lad went to the Rose Bowl in 1937 when the Pitts defeated Washington, 21-0. In 1939, Frank played with the Pittsburgh Steelers but left the game in the following year to enter private business.

Frank was one of Dr. Sutherland's assistants during the 1938 season and resigned with the doctor in 1939. During the seasons of 1941 and 1942, he assisted Skip Stahley at Brown University and entered the Navy in 1942. Discharged in late 1945, Frank went to work with Wasson and Co., oil and gas producers, and has received a leave of absence from his work there to assist Dr. Sutherland with the ends this season.

In addition to his football prowess, Souchak is also a golfer of note. He won the Western Pennsylvania Amateur Tournament this year and has participated in matches with all the top flight golfers in the country.

STEELERS RECORDS AGAINST EASTERN CLUBS

Year	Steelers-Dodgers	Steelers-Giants	Steelers-Redskins	Steelers-Eagles	Steelers-Yankees
1933	3- 3	2-23	6-21	6-25	----
1933	0-32	3-27	16-14	----	----
1934	3-21	12-14	0- 7	0-17	----
1934	0-10	7-17	0-39	9- 7	----
1935	7-13	7-42	6- 0	17- 7	----
1935	16- 7	0-13	3-13	6-17	----
1936	10- 6	10- 7	10- 0*	6- 0	----
1936	10- 7	----	0-30	----	----
1937	21- 0	7-10	20-34	27-14	----
1937	0-23	0-17	21-13	16- 7	----
1938	17- 3	14-27	0- 7	7-27	----
1938	7-17	13-10	0-15	7-14	----
1939	7-12	7-14	14-44	14-17	----
1939	13-17	7-23	14-21	24-12	----
1940	3-10	10-10	10-40	7- 3	----
1940	0-21	7-17	10-37	0- 7	----
1941	14- 7	10-37	20-24	7-10	----
1941	7-35	7-28	3-23	7- 7	----
1942	7- 0	13-10	14-28	14-24	----
1942	13- 0	17- 9	0-14	14- 0	----
1943-a	7-13	28-14	14-14	----	----
1943-a	17- 0	14-42	27-14	----	----
1944-b	----	0-23	20-42	----	----
1944-b	----	----	----	----	----
1945	----	6-34	0-24	6-30	7-28
1945	----	21- 7	0-14	3-45	6-10

SUMMARY

	W.	L.	T.	Pts.	Pts. Against
Pittsburgh vs. Boston	0	2	0	13	38
Pittsburgh vs. Brooklyn	9	12	1	182	257
Pittsburgh vs. New York	6	17	1	475	222
Pittsburgh vs. Washington	5	19	1	532	228
Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia	8	11	1	290	197

a — Combined with Philadelphia Eagles
b — Combined with Chicago Cardinals
* — Franchise moved from Boston to Washington

STEELERS RECORDS AGAINST WESTERN CLUBS

Year	Steelers-Bears	Steelers-Packers	Steelers-Cards	Steelers-Rams	Steelers-Lions
1933	----	0-47	14-13	----	----
1934	0-28	----	----	----	7-10
1935	7-23	0-27	17-13	----	----
1935	----	14-34	----	----	----
1936	9-27	10-42	6-14	----	3-28
1936	6-20	----	----	----	----
1937	0- 7	----	7-13	----	3- 7
1938	----	0-20	----	7-13	7-16
1939	0-32	----	0-10	14-14	----
1940	----	3-24	7- 7	----	10- 7
1941	7-34	7-54	----	14-17	----
1942	----	21-24	19- 3	----	35- 7
1943-a *	21-48	28-38	34-13	----	35-34
1944-b *	7-34	7-34	----	28-30	6-27
1944-b *	7-49	20-35	----	6-33	7-21
1945	7-28	----	23- 0	----	----

SUMMARY

	W.	L.	T.	Pts.	Pts. Against
Pittsburgh vs. Chicago Bears	0	11	0	71	330
Pittsburgh vs. Green Bay	0	11	0	110	379
Pittsburgh vs. Chicago Cards	5	3	1	127	86
Pittsburgh vs. Cleveland Rams	0	4	1	69	107
Pittsburgh vs. Detroit Lions	3	6	0	113	197

a — Combined with Philadelphia Eagles
b — Combined with Chicago Cardinals

STEELERS FIRST CHOICES IN DRAFT

(Since 1940)

Chosen In	To Play In	Player, Position, School
1940	1941	Art Jones, Halfback, Richmond
1941	1942	Bill Dudley, Halfback, Virginia
1942	1943	Bill Daley, Fullback, Minnesota
1943	1944	John Podesto, Halfback, St. Mary's
1944	1945	Paul Duhart, Halfback, Florida
1945	1946	Felix "Doc" Blanchard, Fullback, U. S. Army

FINAL 1945 STANDINGS
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

EASTERN DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
Washington	8	2	0	.800	209	121
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700	272	133
New York	3	6	1	.333	179	198
Boston	3	6	1	.333	123	211
Pittsburgh	2	8	0	.200	79	220

WESTERN DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
Cleveland	9	1	0	.900	244	136
Detroit	7	3	0	.700	195	194
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600	258	178
Chicago Bears	3	7	0	.300	192	235
Chicago Cards	1	9	0	.100	98	228

PITTSBURGH COACHES AND RECORDS

Year	Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Position
1933	Jap Douds	3	6	2	.333	5-5
1934	Luby DeMeolo	2	10	0	.166	5-5
1935	Joseph Bach	4	8	0	.333	3-5
1936	Joseph Bach	6	6	0	.500	2-5
1937	John Blood	4	7	0	.364	3-5
1938	John Blood	2	9	0	.182	5-5
1939	* John Blood Walter Kiesling	1	9	1	.100	5-5
1940	Walter Kiesling	2	7	2	.222	4-5
1941	† Bert Bell ‡ Aldo Donelli Walter Kiesling	1	9	1	.100	5-5
1942	Walter Kiesling	7	4	0	.636	2-5
1943	Walter Kiesling and Greasy Neale	5	4	1	.555	3-4
1944	Walter Kiesling and Phil Handler	0	10	0	.000	5-5
1945	James R. Leonard	2	8	0	.200	5-5

* Resigned in mid-season.

† Resigned after second game.

‡ Resigned when Commissioner ordered him to choose between Duquesne and Steelers.

1946 - Tentative Roster

Player	Pos.	Wt.	Ht.	Age	Year in N.F.L.	College
BARBOUR, ELMER	QB	195	5:10	25	2	Wake Forest
BENSON, GEORGE	FB	201	5:11	26	1	Northwestern
BOVA, TONY	RE	191	6:01	28	5	St. Francis
BRANDAU, ART	C	199	6:01	26	1	Tennessee
BUCEK, FELIX	LG	188	6:01	24	1	Texas A. & M.
CHERUNDOLO, CHUCK	C	223	6:01	29	8	Penn State
CIEZKI, LEONARD	RG	206	5:11	26	1	No College
CLEMENT, JOHN	LH	199	6:01	26	2	Southern Methodist
COMPAGNO, TONY	FB	201	5:11	25	1	St.Mary's
CONDIT, MERLYN	RH	188	5:11	29	5	Carnegie Tech
COOMER, JOE	LT	274	6:06	26	3	Austin
DAVIS, BOB	RE	194	5:11	25	1	Penn State
DUDLEY, BILL	LH	172	5:10	24	3	Virginia
DUTTON, BILL	RH	188	5:10	25	1	Pittsburgh
EBLI, RAY	RT	221	6:02	27	3	Notre Dame
FIFE, RALPH	RG	209	5:11	26	3	Pittsburgh
FORYS, FRANK	FB	200	5:11	26	1	St. Vincent
GARNAAS, BILL	QB	195	6:00	26	1	Minnesota
GORINSKI, WALTER	FB	207	6:01	26	1	Louisiana State
GRAY, SAM	RE	197	6:00	27	1	Tulsa
HOAGUE, JOE	FB	202	6:02	28	3	Colgate
JANSANTE, VAL	LE	190	6:01	25	1	Duquesne
JONES, ART	RH	199	6:02	27	3	Richmond
KAPRIVA, FRANK	RG	213	5:11	26	1	Wake Forest
KIELBASA, MAX	RH	187	6:00	25	1	Duquesne

Pittsburgh Steelers - 1946

Player	Pos.	Wt.	Ht.	Age	Year in N.F.L.	College
KIMBLE, FRANK	LT	229	6:04	25	2	West Virginia
KALAPSTEIN, EARL	LT	220	6:00	26	1	College of Pacific
KOMETSKY, FLOYD	LE	204	6:00	25	3	Florida
KOWALSKI, AL	QB	208	6:02	25	1	Tulsa
LACH, STEVE	FB	212	6:02	26	3	Duke
McCAFFRAY, ART	RT	196	5:11	25	1	Santa Clara
M TIOLI, FRAN	LG	210	5:11	23	1	Pittsburgh
MEHELICH, CHUCK	LE	207	6:00	25	1	Duquesne
MERKOVSKY, ELMER	RT	221	6:01	29	3	Pittsburgh
PATRICK, JOHN	QB	205	5:11	28	4	Penn State
PERKO, JOHN	RG	207	6:00	30	7	Duquesne
POLESTO, JOHN	LH	190	6:00	24	1	St. Mary's
RAFKO, JOE	RT	230	6:00	24	1	Boston College
RODAK, MIKE	RG	212	5:11	28	5	Western Reserve
ROGERS, CULLEN	RH	180	5:11	25	1	Texas A. & M.
SEABRIGHT, CHARLIE	QB	205	6:02	27	2	West Virginia
SI CH, RUDY	RT	225	6:00	27	2	Minnesota
SIGORICH, NICK	LG	205	5:09	25	1	Cincinnati
SWANSON, WALLY	LE	193	6:01	27	1	Kansas State
TITUS, GEORGE	C	188	5:11	24	1	Holy Cross
TOMASIC, ANDY	LH	170	5:09	26	2	Temple
WATT, GEORGE	RT	225	6:01	26	2	Appalachian
W IT, HODGES	LT	225	6:01	27	3	Tennessee
WILEY, JACK	LT	209	5:10	26	1	Waynesburg
WILLIAMS, BOYD	C	208	6:00	25	1	Syracuse

PITTSBURGH YEARLY RECORDS

LEADING GROUND GAINER

Year	Player	Attempts	Yds. Gained	Average
1945	Buist Warren	96	285	3.0
1944	John Grigas	185	610	3.3
1943	Jack Hinkle	116	571	4.9
1942	Bill Dudley	162	696 *	4.2
1941	Dick Riffle	109	388	3.6
1940	Lou Tomasetti	58	246	3.6
1939	Whizzer White	152	567 *	3.7

* National League Leader

LEADING PASSER

Year	Player	Attempts	Completions	Yards
1945	Buist Warren	92	36	368
1944	John Grigas	131	50	690
1943	Roy Zimmerman	124	43	846
1942	Bill Dudley	94	35	438
1941	Boyd Brumbaugh	41	13	260
1940	Bill Patterson	117	34	529
1939	Hugh McCullough	100	32	443

LEADING SCORER

Year	Player	TD.	PAT.	FG.	TP.
1945	Bill Dudley	3	2	0	20 *
1944	Bob Thurbon	5	0	0	30
1943	Ernie Steele	6	0	0	36
1942	Bill Dudley	6	0	0	36
1941	Art Jones	5	0	0	30
1940	Armand Niccolai	0	6	6	24
1939	Armand Niccolai	0	15	3	24

* Played in 3 games

National Football League Stadium Seating Capacities

Boston—Fenway Park	41,000
Chicago Cardinals—Comiskey Park	49,500
Chicago Bears—Wrigley Field	41,500
Detroit—Briggs Stadium	53,433
Green Bay—City Stadium	24,800
New York—Polo Grounds	48,700
Philadelphia—Shibe Park	32,500
PITTSBURGH—FORBES FIELD	40,000
Washington—Griffith Stadium	33,500
Los Angeles—Coliseum	105,000

Thumbnail Sketches

GEORGE TITUS

Center — Holy Cross

Height: 5.10 **Weight: 184** **Born: Jan. 7, 1922, Brooklyn, N. Y.**

The lightest lineman on the team, George is a brother of Si Titus of the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Pittsburgh Steelers. He played for Holy Cross under coaches Ank Scanlan and Lud Wray before his graduation in 1945. Served as an ensign in the Navy.

George is an exceptionally heady ball player defensively and diagnoses plays with the confidence and assurance of a veteran. He is aggressive, handles the ball well, and blocks beautifully.

CHARLEY SEABRIGHT

Quarterback — West Virginia

Height: 6.02 **Weight 207** **Born, Feb. 13, 1919, McMechan, W. Va.**

Charley played with the Cleveland Rams before he was sold to the Steelers. With Pittsburgh he will hold down the all-important blocking back assignment and carries sufficient weight, know-how and ability to handle the job.

Chances are that Seabright will be the Steelers' starting quarterback. He is a bearcat on defense and backs up a line with plenty of poise and ability.

ANDY TOMASIC

Halfback — Temple

Height: 5.09 **Weight: 170** **Born: Dec. 10, 1919, Hokendaqua, Pa.**

Andy achieved his greatest gridiron successes at Temple University where he established himself as a triple threat star. He participated with Bill Dudley in the All-Star game in 1942 and immediately following the game reported to the Steelers.

Andy went into the Army following the 1942 season and managed to squeeze in a couple football games while serving in the Philippines. The Hokendaqua Hurricane also plays professional baseball and ran up a 12-8 record as a pitcher with Kinston, (N.C.) in the Coastal Plains League during the past summer.

JOHN PERKO

Guard — Duquesne

Height: 6.00 Weight: 209 Born: Feb. 20, 1916, Chisholm, Minn.

John is the No. 1 Steeler in length of service. The former Duquesne University guard is embarking on his seventh year with the Rooneymen having first played with the Steelers in 1938. He missed the '41, '42 and '43 seasons but came back in 1944 to hold down a starting berth.

While in college, Perko played four years under four different coaches—Elmer Layden, Joe Bach, Clipper Smith and Christy Flanagan. While with the Steelers he played under John Blood, Jim Leonard, Walter Kiesling and Phil Handler.

TONY COMPAGNO

Fullback — St. Mary's

Height 6.00 Weight: 203 Born: Jan. 29, 1921, Daly City, Calif.

A hard driving fullback with plenty of speed, Compagno will be up there battling for a starting berth all year.

The big Italian lad started his football career at the Jefferson High School, Daly City, where he was the team's leading scorer and ground gainer. In his first college game he ran 75 yards for a touchdown against Gonzaga University.

Addition of Compagno to the Steeler squad is sure to greatly assist the Pittsburghers this year. He's big, rugged, aggressive and tough on offense; a fine defensive performer.

MERLYN CONDIT

Halfback — Carnegie Tech

Height: 5.11 Weight: 188 Born: March 21, 1917, Belle Vernon, Pa.

When Bill Dudley led the National League in ground gaining in 1942, his closest rival was Merlyn (the Magician) Condit of Brooklyn. Dudley copped the crown by a mere 47 yards. Condit will be playing alongside the Bluefield Bullet this year and will add plenty of strength to the Pittsburgh backfield.

Merlyn received All-American mention at Carnegie Tech under Bill Kern and Dr. Eddie Baker. He participated in the New York All-Star game and returned a kick-off 97 yards to lead his team to a victory over the Giants in 1940. This is his sixth season in the League, having previously played with Pittsburgh (1940), Brooklyn (1941-43) and the Washington Redskins in 1945.

Condit was purchased from the Washington Redskins in late August, reported to the Steelers on a Thursday afternoon and played 15 minutes against the Newark Bombers the following day.

SAM GRAY

End — Tulsa University

Height: 6.00 Weight: 195 Born: Jan 1, 1919, Independence, Kansas

Sam, a rugged Irishman from Tulsa, played in the Orange and Sugar Bowls with coach Henry Frnka's 1943 and 1944 elevens. He is a hard-charging, heady defensive end; fairly fast on offense and is a better than average receiver.

Baseball and swimming are his hobbies and he is a salesman during the off season. He was an end on the 1945 College All-Star squad, and this is his first season in the National League.

ART McCAFFRAY

Tackle — Santa Clara

Height: 5.11 Weight: 195 Born: Dec. 26, 1921, Seattle, Wash.

One of Amos Alonzo Stagg's brilliants at College of the Pacific, the Seattle Irishman played the major portion of his college ball at Santa Clara. He was named outstanding tackle on the coast in 1943 and was chosen at a tackle assignment on Grantland Rice's All-American eleven.

Weighing only 195 pounds, McCaffray, pound for pound, rates with any tackle in the league. However, there is some doubt as to whether or not he's big enough to play in professional company. The Steelers are anxiously waiting to see how Artie turns out.

McCaffray served with the First Marine Division and was on the islands of Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, Iwo Jima, the Philippines and Okinawa; China and Japan. He was discharged as a first lieutenant.

JOE COOMER

Tackle — Austin

Height: 6.06 Weight: 274 Born: Sept. 11, 1919, Greenville, Texas

The biggest man on the Pittsburgh eleven, Coomer is expected to be a tower of strength on the Steeler line this year. Smoky Joe played Sunday football last season, flying in from Washington each week-end to play with the Jim Leonard coached team. He weighed over 300 pounds but is rapidly getting down to his 260 pound playing weight.

Coomer is surprisingly fast for his size, is aggressive as they come, and will cause Steeler opponents no end of trouble this year. He came to the Steelers upon the recommendation of team-mate Moe Harper in 1940 but this will be only his third year in action with the Steelers. Was a first lieutenant in the Army during the war.

Joe is a farmer in the off season, has no particular hobbies other than resting in the shade of a Texas tree.

WILLIAM DUDLEY

Halfback — Virginia

Height: 5.10 **Weight: 170** **Born: Dec. 24, 1921, Bluefield, Va.**

The Bluefield Bullet was the nation's leading scorer as a 19 year old collegian in 1941. Drafted by the Steelers as their first choice in 1942, he led the National League in ground gaining and was named to the league all-star team in his freshman year of competition.

He entered the U. S. Army Air Forces in 1942, served as the pilot of a B-29 in the Pacific, and returned to the Steelers in time for three games last season. Playing but three games, Dudley took over and finished the season as the Steelers' leading scorer with 30 points, was third in ground gaining with 205 yards.

Dudley was the star of the 1942 Pro All-Star game when he intercepted a Redskin pass and ran 97 yards for a touchdown. He scored other touchdowns that year on runs of 85 yards (Washington), 66 yards (Giants), 45 yards (Philadelphia), and made several non-scoring runs of more than 50 yards.

Not exceptionally fast, Dudley depends on hard running, unshakeable confidence, and a terrific desire to play football to make himself a top notch pro ball player.

BOB DAVIS

End — Penn State

Height: 6.00 **Weight: 196** **Born Sept. 26, 1921, Monongahela, Pa.**

The slashingest end on the Pittsburgh Steelers' eleven, the Monongahela lad is a sure bet to be one of the most serious contenders for a starting berth with the Smoky City team.

Bob played in the 1945 North-South game and this is his first year in professional ball. One of the top flight ends developed by Coach Bob Higgins atop Mt. Nittany in Pennsylvania, Davis is tough, agressive and fast.

Davis is an insurance salesman in the off season, married, and spends a good deal of his spare time in the swimming pool.

FRANK KAPRIVA

Guard — Wake Forest

Height: 5.11 **Weight: 212** **Born: Oct. 6, 1919, Johnstown, Pa.**

Frank played his football under Doug Walker at Wake Forest, graduating in 1942. He played in the North-South game that year and also with General Bob Neyland's Eastern Army All-Stars.

He is of Croatian descent and intends to become a teacher following his pro football career. Was a S/Sgt. with the U. S. Army Engineers during the war, and currently makes his home in Johnstown, Pa.

JOHN PODESTO

Halfback — St. Mary's

Height: 6.00 Weight: 190 Born: March 26, 1922, Modesto, California

John comes to the Steelers with a reputation for having been the top flight passer on the Pacific Coast. He scintillated for the Galloping Gaels before moving on to spearhead coach Amos Alonzo Stagg's most brilliant team at the College of the Pacific.

The Steelers' No. 1 draft choice in 1943, Podesto is expected to do great things for the Pittsburghers this year. He has all the qualifications, but due to early training season injuries, still remains a doubtful question mark in the Pittsburgh all-around picture.

RALPH FIFE

Guard — Pitt

Height: 5.11 Weight: 2.10 Born: Jan. 26, 1920, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Fife is unique in that he served in both the Army and Navy during the war. He entered the Army as a private in August 1942, was transferred to the Navy when his commission was approved. While in the service, he skippered a minesweeper during the Guam and Saipan operations.

After graduating from Pitt, Fife played with the Eastern Army All-Stars under General Neyland. He was also a member of the Chicago Cards for two years and played in the East-West Shrine game in 1942.

Frank is married and is a teacher during the off season. He eventually intends to devote full time to teaching and coaching.

CHARLES J. CHERUNDOLO

Center — Penn State

Height: 6.01 Weight: 224 Born: Aug. 8, 1916, Old Forge, Pa.

Chuck is definitely one of the outstanding centers in the National League. The former Penn Stater was runner-up to the Bears' Bulldog Turner for all-league honors in 1942 and will be pressing the Bears' star again this year. Many thought he should have received the nod over Turner that season.

Starting his eighth year in the National League, Cherundolo, at 30, is still going to be one of the top men in the Pittsburgh line. He decidedly will influence the rookies who will be playing alongside him.

When he decides to hang up the moleskins, Cherundolo will be seeking a coaching job. With his fine record behind him, he should have little trouble catching on with someone. He is an avid reader and spends most of his time with his nose buried in a book.

LEN CIEZKI

Guard — No College

Height: 5.11 **Weight: 207** **Born: July 17, 1920, Milwaukee, Wis.**

Len, a lad without any college experience, was recommended to the Steelers by team-mate Joe Hoague, who played with him on the Melville PT Base eleven. He's a hard-working, willing-to-learn guard who may play plenty of ball for the Pittsburghers this year.

He has a good war record—was a crew member on a patrol torpedo boat at Guadalcanal, Rendova, Bougainville, New Britain, New Guinea, Pelileu, Tacloban, Subic, Manila and Corregidor.

He's a mail man during the off season, married, and makes his home in Milwaukee.

TONY BOVA

End — St. Francis

Height: 6.01 **Weight: 195** **Born: Oct. 10, 1917, Pittsburgh, Pa.**

Bova has consistently placed high among the National League's leading pass receivers despite the fact that he is hampered by very poor eyesight. However, he may have licked that handicap this year with a pair of new contact lenses.

Bova comes to the Steelers from little St. Francis College, Loretto, Pa. where he was the mainstay of Jim Leonard's unbeaten class B team.

He annually leads the Steelers in pass receiving and in 1943 he led the league in average yardage gained on completed passes when he caught 19 for an average gain of 24.5 yards. Is also a very capable blocker and defensive performer.

STEVE LACH

Fullback — Duke

Height: 6.02 **Weight: 210** **Born: Aug. 16, 1920, Altoona, Penna.**

Steve built for himself a brilliant record while at Duke and continued his top-flight play with the Chicago Cardinals in professional ball. He came to the Steelers along with halfback Johnny Clement in exchange for end Mal Kutner, All-American from Texas.

A halfback throughout his career, Steve will be running from the fullback berth this season and he shows promise of developing into a stellar performer in that role.

Steve was a member of the Great Lakes eleven which handed Notre Dame their only defeat of the season in 1943. In fact, the Altoona lad had a lot to do with the Lakes' victory as he tossed the touchdown pass in the closing seconds of the game which gave the Sailors their victory.

JOE REPKO

Tackle — Boston College

Height: 6.01 **Weight: 235** **Born: March 15, 1920, Lansford, Pa.**

With Repko's belated appearance in the Steeler camp, Steeler tackle prospects immediately perked up. The big, 235 pounder from Boston College missed most of the pre-season training grid because he was in Chicago as a member of the All-Star team.

Joe is playing his first year in the National Football League, wants to play football, and may immeasurably assist the Pittsburghers and Dr Sutherland in the 1946 campaign.

FLOYD KONETSKY

End — Florida

Height: 6.00 **Weight: 206** **Born: May 26, 1920, Marianna, Penn.**

Floyd, a brother of Ted of Pitt tackle fame, was a tackle during his collegiate career but was switched to end with the Cleveland Rams last year.

He is big, rugged and aggressive, a fair blocker, good defensive ball player.

ELMER MERKOVSKY

Tackle — Pitt

Height: 6.01 **Weight: 221** **Born: April 13, 1917, Braddock, Pa.**

One of Dr. Sutherland's proteges at Pitt, Merkovsky stayed out of football a couple of years before reporting to the Steelers. The Braddock lad is a rugged football player, aggressive as they come, and gives out with 60 minutes of football whenever called upon to do so.

Merk wears a nose-guard attached to his headgear now as he suffered six broken noses in twelve football games over the 1945 season and 1946 exhibition games.

The father of four children—three boys and a girl—Al is a machinist at the Westinghouse Electric Corporation in his off season.

CULLEN ROGERS

Halfback — Texas A. & M.

Height: 5.10 **Weight: 175** **Born: May 29, 1921, Mack, Texas**

Cullen was purchased from the Los Angeles Rams early this season and looks like he might be just what the Doctor ordered for his ailing right halfback slot. Rogers runs well and possesses plenty of breakaway speed.

This is his first season in the National Football League.

FELIX BUCEK

Guard — Texas A. & M.

Height 6.01 Weight: 190 Born: Jan. 31, 1922, Schulenberg, Tex.

In all probability the rangy Bucek will hold down a starting berth with the Pittsburghers this Fall. He's a fine defensive guard, and absolutely top-flight on offense. He moves out of the line when the Steelers use a five-man forward wall and has a knack for intercepting forward passes. Should aid the usually impotent Steeler pass defense considerably.

Bucek, who scored a touchdown in his first college game, duplicated the feat in his first professional encounter when he took a lateral from end Bob Davis and scampered 19 yards to tally.

JOHN CLEMENT

Halfback — Southern Methodist

Height: 6.01 Weight: 193 Born: Oct. 31, 1919, Stoneblath, Okla.

Casual John stole the show in the Steelers' exhibition games and shows promise of being one of the key men in the Steeler offense this year. Big, fast and a good competitor, the Texan is a triple threat performer in every sense of the word.

John was a B-29 pilot during the war and managed to play some football with Maxwell Field and the Training Command elevens during 1944 and 1945.

Clement played with the Chicago Cardinals in 1941 and was traded to the Steelers this year. He is a player to watch in the Pittsburgh backfield.

CHARLEY MEHELICH

End — Duquesne

Height: 6.02 Weight: 206 Born: Aug 4, 1922, Oakmont, Pa.

One of the brightest prospects of the Steeler line is hard charging, quick-thinking Charley Mehelich. The former Duquesne ace served in the Navy and had an impressive football record with Sampson, Bainbridge and Fleet City. He was one of the most sought-after players in the service but decided on Pittsburgh after talking to Dr. Jock Sutherland, Steeler coach.

Mehelich is a professional softball pitcher during the summer months, playing for the Pittsburgh Amerks in the International Softball League.

Conscientious and hard working, Mehelich will be a tower of strength at left end this season. He should improve, too, as the season goes on.

VALERIO JANSANTE

End — Duquesne

Height: 6.01 Weight: 183 Born: Sept. 27, 1920, Belle Vernon, Pa.

Resourceful and coming along fast among the Steeler ends is Val Jansante, who played two years of ball with Duquesne University. Jansante is expected to develop into one of the outstanding pass receivers in the League. He has a long way to go before he is a polished ball player but his response to coaching has been so fast that he is expected to be fighting for a starting berth long before the season ends.

BILL DUTTON

Halfback — Pitt

Height: 5.11 Weight: 185 Born: Dec. 9, 1920, Morgantown, W. Va.

If Bill Dutton continues to improve as rapidly as he did during the pre-season training grind, the former University of Pittsburgh star is going to be of great assistance to the Sutherlanders this year.

Bill is a hard runner, a good pass receiver, blocks fairly well and is a competent defensive man. He starts fast, senses the way to break and really lugs the leather once he's out in the open.

Dutton, in addition to playing for Pittsburgh, was also a member of the great Bainbridge Navy eleven.

JACK WYLIE

Tackle — Waynesburg

Height: 6.00 Weight: 208 Born: April 18, 1920, Wind Ridge, Pa.

Aggressive, fast charging Jack Wylie may develop into a good pro tackle before the season is long under way. He loves football, plays to win, and is one of the scrappiest ball players on the Steeler roster.

Although he, like McCaffray, is fairly light for the play-for-pay game, he makes up for his lack of weight in brains and determination. Coming from a rabid football family, Wylie stands a fair chance of denting a lot of ball carriers this season.

MIKE RODAK

Guard — Western Reserve

Height: 6.00 Weight: 209 Born: Feb. 11, 1917, Orient, Penna.

Mike has bounced around the National League long enough to pick up more football than many a player gets in a lifetime. He played halfback under Bill Edwards at Western Reserve from 1935 to 1938; with the Cleveland Rams in 1939 and 1940; for Detroit in 1941; and he played guard, end, center for the Steelers in 1942.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE – 1946

SEPTEMBER 20

Cardinals ---------- Pittsburgh*

SEPTEMBER 29

Pittsburgh ---------- Washington
Bears ---------- Green Bay
Philadelphia ---------- Los Angeles

SEPTEMBER 30

Detroit ---------- Cardinals*
New York ---------- Boston*

OCTOBER 6

New York ---------- Pittsburgh
Detroit ---------- Washington
Los Angeles ---------- Green Bay
Bears ---------- Cardinals
Boston ---------- Philadelphia

OCTOBER 13

Pittsburgh ---------- Boston
Cardinals ---------- Detroit
Los Angeles ---------- Bears
Green Bay ---------- Philadelphia
New York ---------- Washington

OCTOBER 20

Pittsburgh ---------- Green Bay
Detroit ---------- Los Angeles
Philadelphia ---------- Bears
Cardinals ---------- New York
Washington ---------- Boston

OCTOBER 27

Boston ---------- Pittsburgh
Detroit ---------- Green Bay
Los Angeles ---------- Cardinals
Bears ---------- New York
Philadelphia ---------- Washington

NOVEMBER 3

Washington ---------- Pittsburgh
Los Angeles ---------- Detroit
Green Bay ---------- Bears
Cardinals ---------- Boston
New York ---------- Philadelphia

NOVEMBER 10

Pittsburgh ---------- Detroit
Green Bay ---------- Cardinals
Bears ---------- Los Angeles
Boston ---------- Washington
Philadelphia ---------- New York

NOVEMBER 17

Philadelphia ---------- Pittsburgh
Green Bay ---------- Detroit
Cardinals ---------- Los Angeles
Washington ---------- Bears
Boston ---------- New York

NOVEMBER 24

Pittsburgh ---------- New York
Detroit ---------- Bears
Cardinals ---------- Green Bay
Los Angeles ---------- Boston
Washington ---------- Philadelphia

NOVEMBER 28
(Thanksgiving Day)

Boston ---------- Detroit

DECEMBER 1

Pittsburgh ---------- Philadelphia
Cardinals ---------- Bears
Green Bay ---------- Washington
Los Angeles ---------- New York

DECEMBER 8

Bears ---------- Detroit
Green Bay ---------- Los Angeles
Washington ---------- New York
Philadelphia ---------- Boston

* Night Game